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## Gallaudet receives CASE award for Capital Campaign video

The videotape of the gala celebration for the University's highly successful *Unite for Gallaudet* Capital Campaign has won a gold medal in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II Accolades 2002 Awards Program. The video won top honors in the Alumni, Communications, and Philanthropy category. The award was presented on February 1 at Tavern-on-the-Green in New York City.

In 1997, Gallaudet embarked on its first-ever Capital Campaign with a goal of raising \$30 million in private support. The campaign sought

support for a new Student Academic Center, plus funding for additional scholarships and new programs. When the *Unite for Gallaudet* campaign ended on December 31, 2001, a total of \$39.9 million had been raised.

To celebrate the campaign's success, the University hosted a victory celebration on February 9, 2002, in the East Hall of Union Station in Washington, D.C., that was attended by over 700 people. Gallaudet's Development Office and Gallaudet University TV and Media Production Services produced the eight-minute videotape of the event. **G**



Sophomore Jamon Freeman is shown with volunteer student driver Stacie Bickel and Office for Students with Disabilities Academic Resource Counselor James Akridge after requesting transportation from his class in HMB to his class in the Field House. This year, OSD is providing transportation as a pilot program to eligible students with mobility and respiratory conditions receiving OSD services. On-campus transportation is offered to these students only during OSD hours of operation, but special arrangements can be made for evening classes. The transportation program depends on student volunteers as drivers. Any student who is interested in becoming a driver can apply through the Student Community Service program, located in Ely Center, Room 103, or by e-mail, CPS@gallaudet.edu.



Proceeds from fundraising projects held last fall by the Kappa Gamma Fraternity were donated to the Alumni House and to the USA-China Partnerships for Education. Each received a check in the amount of \$501. Here, Jeff Bibb, kamoos, and Karlin Hummel, grand rajah, prepare to present a check to Sam Sonnenstrahl, GUAA executive director and director of alumni relations.

## President Jordan appointed to D.C. Board of Trade

President Jordan was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Greater Washington [D.C.] Board of Trade.

The Greater Washington Board of Trade is the largest regional network of business and non-profit leaders, and it is the only group representing all industry sectors. The Board of Trade's 1,350 member companies employ 40 percent of the D.C. metro area's private-sector workforce.

Founded in 1889, the Greater Washington Board of Trade operates a variety of programs to further its mission. Examples include The Community Business Partnership, which links Board of Trade member firms with small neighborhood-based businesses to expand their markets and build stronger neigh-

borhoods; CapNet, a bipartisan political action committee which is the voice of the technology industry on Capitol Hill; International Gateway, which helps Board of Trade member firms stay connected to the global business community; and several other projects that help promote the area encompassing the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and suburban Maryland.

"I am honored to serve on the board of the Greater Washington Board of Trade," said Dr. Jordan. "This University, along with others located in greater Washington, contributes significantly to the educational, social, and economic well-being of our city and region."

Jordan joined the other 110 board members at their first meeting of the year on January 21. **G**

## Alumna joins cast of 'Survivor: The Amazon'

The mid-January press release from CBS came as a surprise to many at Gallaudet: Christy Smith, Class of 2000, will be one of 16 contestants on the hit CBS show "Survivor: The Amazon," which begins airing February 13.

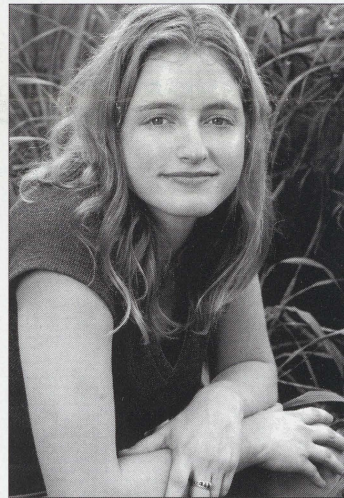
But the news did not surprise others on campus who know Smith best. And they feel that she has what it takes to walk away with the \$1 million prize.

"Survivor," a highly popular reality program, pits 16 strangers together in a remote location where they compete against each other in physical and mental games while working together to survive harsh living conditions. At the beginning of the game, contestants are divided randomly into two camps. However, in this newest installment of the show, camps are divided by gender. At the end of each episode the contestants vote one of their fellow players out of the game.

Many at Gallaudet are confident Smith will be the ultimate survivor.

Smith has a knack for helping people who never worked together before accomplish a team task, said sociology professor Margaret Weigers-Vitullo, Smith's former academic advisor. During her senior year, Smith, who majored in sociology with a concentration in criminology, did an internship at the Waxter Children's Center, a juvenile detention center in Laurel, Md. The teenage girls she worked with didn't have high self-esteem or teamwork skills, so Smith used many of her skills from Gallaudet's Discovery program, of which she was a staff member for three years.

Smith worked with the girls for a semester, gradually building up to the final activity to demonstrate what they had learned. "Christy set up a challenge class for the



Christy Smith

teenagers," said Weigers-Vitullo. "They had to work together to climb over the rope to the other side without touching it."

Smith also put her team-building expertise to work as part of an internship she did with a program for abused women, said Discovery director Jean Berube. "In the short time she worked with them, Christy was able to get the group that wouldn't talk to each other to the point where they learned to trust each other and let other people touch them," said Berube. As a Discovery program staff member, Smith helped teach and participate in rock climbing, canoeing, hiking, and many other activities. "Christy is a risk-taker and likes challenges," said Berube. "She's assertive, and in her mind there is nothing she can't do. She will do very well physically. Her spirit will glue the women together and help them bond."

Graduate student Jennifer Peterson describes her former roommate as intelligent, curious,

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### Gally Facts

What percentage of Gallaudet alumni are either employed or in graduate school one year after receiving their undergraduate degrees from the University?

- A. Less than 50%
- B. 50-75%
- C. 75-95%
- D. Over 95%

This statistic about Gallaudet was provided by the Office of Planning. Answer: D. Over 95 percent. According to the 2001 Annual Achievement Report, 97 percent of Gallaudet alumni were either employed or in graduate school one year after completing their undergraduate degree requirements.

ON THE GREEN




## 'Survivor'

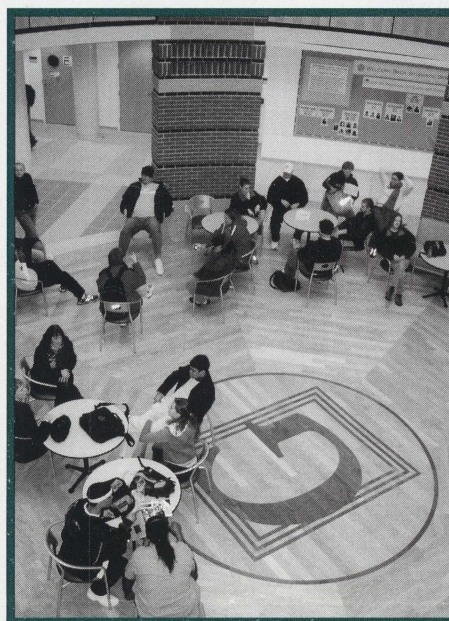
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active, and someone who has a positive attitude. "She's very talkative, and never says a bad thing about anyone," said Peterson. "She's always positive about everyone and everything." Peterson also said Smith spent 50 days in Alaska as part of the Outward Bound Program. "Christy always said she wanted to travel around the world," she said, "and being in the Amazon helps fulfill part of that dream."

Jacquelyn Girard, E-learning facilitator with Academic Technology and a Delta Epsilon advisor, knows Smith from her

days as a member of the sorority. "Christy is the kind of person who if someone needs a ride to the airport or food store, she would drive them there for free. She doesn't limit herself to one circle of friends, and gets along with everyone." What's more, said Girard, "Christy is very spontaneous. Nothing will stop her from trying to do what she wants."

The Delta Epsilon Sorority and Campus Activities Office will sponsor a "Survivor" gathering, open to the campus community, in the Multipurpose Room of the SUB, starting Thursday, February 13, and continuing for as long as Smith is on the show. 



Students take a break during New Student Orientation to make new friends in the common area of the Student Academic Center. Forty-six new students enrolled at Gallaudet this semester. In addition to signing up for courses, they were given tours of the campus, took English and math placement tests, and learned about Gallaudet traditions from their upperclass peers.

## Gallaudet gains membership in Microsoft IT Academy Program

By Qi Wang

Here is piece of great news for Gallaudet to celebrate as it starts a new semester in a new year: The University is now an official member of the prominent Microsoft IT Academy Program.

This honor comes to only a few universities that meet Microsoft's requirements of faculty who have achieved its rigorous certification standards. In fact, Gallaudet is the first institute of higher learning that primarily serves deaf and hard of hearing students to be granted such a status by Microsoft. This is certainly an endorsement for the quality IT training classes that Gallaudet has developed and will be developing in the future.

The Microsoft IT Academy Program is designed to allow accredited academic institutions to deliver to students a premium education on cutting-edge Microsoft technologies. The training prepares credit and non-credit students for academic education tracks, rigorous Microsoft certification exams, and for career opportunities as network administrators, technical support specialists, software/hardware developers, design engineers, and office specialists.


The Microsoft office specialist curriculum is designed for anyone who wants to develop advanced skills with Microsoft business desktop software. It would enhance

students' future career opportunities to graduate with a degree and the desirable Microsoft certifications; for example: an accounting major with the MOS Excel Expert Certification and Access Certification; or a business major with the MOS word expert certification and PowerPoint certification.

All the academy classes will be offered through the Professional Studies and Training (PST) Program of the Office of Graduate Education and Extended Learning in GSPP. Full-time students and staff can get a tuition waiver for these classes and only pay the lab and exam fees.

For course offerings, visit the PST program website at: <http://gspp.gallaudet.edu/shapes/pst/pstcourselistapr03.html>. For registration and program catalog, contact Charlene Laba at GSPP, [charlene.laba@gallaudet.edu](mailto:charlene.laba@gallaudet.edu), or [GSP@gallaudet.edu](mailto:GSP@gallaudet.edu). Spring registration is still open.

For the academy program information, contact Qi Wang, Microsoft IT Academy Program administrator, at GSPP, [qi.wang@gallaudet.edu](mailto:qi.wang@gallaudet.edu).

Gallaudet is in the process of getting more faculty trained and certified to teach a full range of Microsoft certification preparation classes in the near future, so stay tuned for more news from the academy program. 

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### February:

7—Wrestling vs. Newport News Apprentice, 7 p.m.

8—7th Annual Gallaudet Alumni Basketball Madness vs. Goucher, Women, 2 p.m.; Men, 4 p.m.

10—Men's basketball vs. Lincoln University, 7:30 p.m.

11—Roundtable Discussion for CLAST faculty, HMB S150, 9-10 a.m., for more information, call x5224.

12—*Mosiacs*, Ely Auditorium, 7 p.m., featuring the cast of SST Communications, a theater-based training company that combines factual information with comedic and dramatic vignettes to motivate audiences towards solutions, free admission, for more information, call x5366; Basketball vs. Salisbury University, Women, 6 p.m.; Men, 8 p.m.

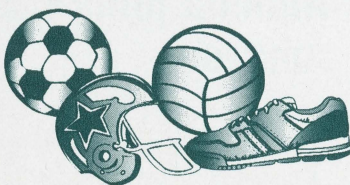
14—"Men and Emotions," a Department of Psychology colloquium, HMB N304, 12-1 p.m., contact [jaclyn.royal@gallaudet.edu](mailto:jaclyn.royal@gallaudet.edu) or call x5540.

15—Basketball vs. Mary Washington College, Women, 2 p.m.; Men, 4 p.m.

17—"What's between the covers?," a lunchtime series devoted to books and reading, featuring Dr. Susan Burch and her new book, *Signs of Resistance: American Deaf Cultural History, 1900-World War II*. Last day for grad students to withdraw with a WD grade (forms must be signed and returned to the Registrar's Office by 4:30 p.m.)

19—Turn-A-Page-Together, books and lunch provided to participants at no charge, pre-registration required, SUB, Room A, 12-1 p.m., for more information, call x5144; Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Dr. Ceil Lucas presents, "What's your sign for.....? Variation in ASL," GUKCC Auditorium, 3-4:30 p.m., refreshments will be served, for more information, call x5301

21—Undergraduate Open House for prospective students, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., for more information, check [admissions.gallaudet.edu/openhouse](http://admissions.gallaudet.edu/openhouse), or call x0550



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Swimming

At a January 18 match against St. Mary's, the men's team lost 72-29, and the women lost 111-51. Stephanie Danner came in first place in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:02.10 and first in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:22.55. Kristin Richter won the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:50.82, and the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Danner, Richter, Hailey Hime, and Amy Jenkins finished first with a time of 2:01.74. In the men's competition, Henry Tsai won the 100-meter freestyle in 1:06.29 and 100-meter breaststroke in 1:35.81. Raymond Clark finished second in the 400-meter individual medley in 4:43.85 and the 500-meter freestyle in 5:10.98.


On January 12, the women's team lost to Frostburg 102-63, and the men lost 112-23. Danner won the 1,650-meter freestyle in 18:42.84 and the 500-meter freestyle in 5:25.00. Hime won the 200-meter freestyle in 2:13.92 and the 100-meter backstroke in 1:12.51. For the men, Clark won the 1,650-meter freestyle in 18:10.96 and came in second in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:15.94. Tsai finished second in the 100-meter freestyle in 1:07.84 and the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:37.90.

### Women's Basketball

The Bison lost to Marymount, the top team in the Capital Athletic Conference, 80-70 on January 25, despite ending the game with an 18-2 run. Jovin Dinkel led

Gallaudet with 22 points and eight rebounds. Cassey Ellis added 15 points and five rebounds. On January 22, the women led Mary Washington at halftime by four points before suffering a 76-48 loss, despite out-rebounding Mary Washington, 37-35. Dinkel scored 10 points and Erin Moran added nine points and eight rebounds. Johanna Karmgard's 12 points were not enough to overcome a strong McDaniel squad January 20, and the Bison lost 87-46. The team's record after the Marymount game stood at 3-14.

### Men's Basketball

Gallaudet lost to Marymount, 74-70, on January 25 after failing to maintain a 59-48 lead with 8:37 to play. Robert Haney scored his seventh straight double-double with 19 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, and three steals before fouling out. Jeremias Valencia scored 17 points with five assists, and Elad Rathe added 15 points and grabbed six rebounds, while shooting three for five from the three-point line. On January 22, the Bison lost 74-68 to a tough Mary Washington squad, which was 13-2 after the game. Haney scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Valencia added 18 points. On January 18, Haney scored 33 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in an 80-67 loss to Goucher. Haney, who leads the Capital Athletic Conference in rebounding and is in the top 10 in scoring and steals, was named the CAC player of the week on January 15. 

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Are you still calling the PPD Service Center when you have a work request? Tell the truth! If that's you, STOP! Try something new: PPD is using its QBIC system to the fullest. This system allows you to make a work request online; the request goes directly into the system and is assigned to a PPD employee who can read the request on his or her PDA (Personal Digital Assistant). This method gets your request in the system and completed a lot quicker than calling the Service Center. Give it a try—it's easy. The work request form is on the PPD web page, <http://ppd.gallaudet.edu>.

## ON THE GREEN

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## CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

## MSSD teams up with JASON Project, Internet2 on coastal research

By Susan M. Flanigan

**D**r. Robert Ballard, Titanic discoverer and famous deep-sea explorer, pays serious attention to his fan mail. One week after returning from his discovery of the sunken luxury liner he received over 16,000 letters from school children who wanted to know how they could become explorers like him.

Because of this high degree of interest, Ballard created the JASON Project, where teachers and students—"Argonauts," as he calls them—have joined him at a new expedition site every year for 13 years for two weeks of intensive study. These studies will now be made available to MSSD science students and their teachers through a University hook-up to Internet2, a consortium of 200 universities working in partnership with the government to develop advanced network applications and technologies on a non-commercial basis.

Last year, the JASON Project XIII: Frozen Worlds expedition to Alaska served as a pilot project to test Internet2.

This year, MSSD students will be participating via Internet2 in the JASON Project XIV: From Shore to Sea study, exploring the terrestrial and marine ecosystems that extend from the California coast to the Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary to learn how such systems affect life on the planet. "Our students are focusing on the part of the curriculum related to pinnipeds [animals such as sea lions, walruses, and seals]," said MSSD science teacher Mary Ellsworth, who is on the school's Virtual Argonaut Team along with Mark Tao, Barbara Fields, Dan Lasher, and Sarah Raymond.

"During the last week of January, we will be able to observe a live, captioned broadcast from the Channel Islands through a connection to the University of Rhode Island," said Ellsworth. "Because of

Gallaudet's connection to Internet2, we have the potential to participate in the live broadcast, with our students asking questions from a mobile camera on site at MSSD."

In Phase Two of the curriculum, MSSD will be teaming with students in Irvine, Calif., the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, and the Indiana School for the Deaf. "These schools together have formed the very first Virtual Argonaut Team," said Ellsworth. "The JASON Project and a group called OSHEAN at the University of Rhode Island are looking for ways to promote Internet2 using JASON as a model of things that can be done with K-12 grades. As a team we'll work on some special JASON curriculum with students, and we'll participate in Internet2 video conferences with a science expert and also probably with Raimondas Doblmeier, the first deaf student Argonaut to the JASON Project." **G**

## Winter homecoming and 7th Annual Alumni Basketball Madness takes place Saturday

**A**lumna Marsha Wetzel, the first female deaf basketball referee in NCAA Division I, will kick off the "Basketball Madness" events on Saturday, February 8. Wetzel will talk about her officiating experience and her love for the game, and answer questions from the audience. The presentation will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building, Lower Level Room A & B. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is free.

Wetzel is currently an instructor at NTID and sports assistant program coordinator at RIT. She was awarded Coach of the Year after just one year of coaching girls' varsity basketball at MSSD from the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. She played basketball at Gallaudet from 1983-1985 and participated in two international Deaflympics. Her presentation is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, the Bison Booster Club, and the Department of Athletics.

Both the women's and men's



Marsha Wetzel

varsity basketball teams will play Goucher College in the afternoon, with the women at 2 p.m., and the men at 4 p.m. Tickets for both games can be purchased at the door. The day ends with the Gallaudet Club at 6 p.m. in the Rathskeller, free admission, food and drinks can be purchased. **G**



Among the first people to return to campus after the winter break were members of the women's basketball team, who got an early start practicing for a full slate of games this semester. During a January practice in the Field House, freshman guard Jovin Dinkel tries to press through the defense of junior Amy Mowl. Dinkel is averaging 10 points per game and has 35 assists for the season. Mowl is averaging 5.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. She is also the team's leading defender with 21 steals, and leads the offense with 39 assists.



## Student • sau • rus

**C**oming from one of the coldest, snowiest spots in the United States, it seems unlikely that Stephanie Danner would be ranked as the Gallaudet swim team's best swimmer. But the Rochester, N.Y., native indeed holds the claim, winning almost all of her events this year.

Danner, a sophomore, specializes in freestyle swimming, from 50 meters to 1,600 meters. Her best event is the 500-meter freestyle, which she won at every meet this year, except for one, where she finished second.

Danner, the youngest of four children, grew up swimming with her three brothers at club pools. "My oldest two brothers swam in college, and my other brother is a senior swimming for St. John's in New York," said Danner, "so it felt natural for me to do the same thing." She started swimming when she was 5, competing on the club level. When she reached high school age, her school, the Rochester School for the Deaf, didn't have a swim team, so she swam on the team at the local public high school.

After swimming on hearing teams most of her life, it was a delight when Danner swam on the U.S. Deaflympics team in 2001. "It

## Stephanie Danner—fastest swimmer at Gallaudet



Stephanie Danner

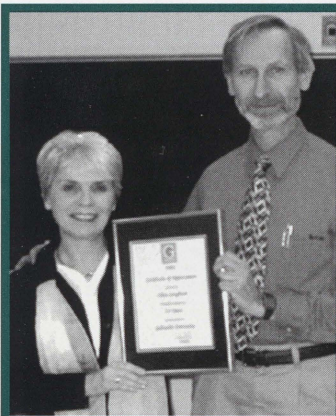
was so much fun. I enjoyed chatting with my teammates," said Danner. Despite being the last person to start, she won the bronze in the 800-meter freestyle. The cause for the delay came when she froze at the starting signal. "The light went off (signaling when to begin) and I stared at it. I saw everyone jump into the pool and start swimming, so I jumped in and started

swimming too. It was so embarrassing!" she said. Several people told her later that it had happened many times before, which made her feel better.

The business major doesn't know where she wants to live after graduation, but it may very well be that that she doesn't return to her roots: "I don't like cold weather!" said Danner. **G**

## AMONG OURSELVES

**Dr. Roslyn Rosen**, a professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision, was quoted in the January 26 issue of *The Gainesville [Fla.] Sun*, in an article entitled, "Plight of Deaf is Focus of Talk." Rosen spoke to students and faculty at the University of Florida as part of the university's annual People Awareness Week. She told the group about the challenges faced by deaf people around the world, 80 percent of whom have never received an education.



Dr. Ellen Loughran, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, is congratulated on 15 years of service to the University by Department Chair Mark Weinberg.

## Gally Facts:

True or False: Approximately 1/3 of the Capital Campaign's contributions came from people who included Gallaudet in their estate plans.

**Answer:** True. In fact, 35 percent of the Capital Campaign's contributions came from people who included Gallaudet in their wills. This statistic about Gallaudet was provided by the Office of Planning.



Model Secondary School for the Deaf

## Winter Dance Concert 2003

### Dance with Diversity

Gallaudet University: Elstad Auditorium  
February 20th at 10 a.m.  
February 21st, 22nd at 8 p.m.

Adults - \$8.00  
Students/Senior Citizens - \$7.00  
MSD Students - Free with ID

Guest Performances by:  
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dance Company  
La Danza Company  
National Deaf Dance Theater  
The Incomparable Jaron  
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Wild Zappers

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Producer/Director  
Yola Rozynek

## MSSD presents Winter Dance Concert

MSSD's Performing Arts will bring its 21st Annual Winter Dance Concert, "Dance with Diversity," to the Elstad Auditorium stage on February 20 at 10 a.m. and February 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.

"Dance with Diversity" features talented MSSD students performing a variety of dance genres, including pieces by the following deaf and hearing choreographers: Debra Floyd, jazz; Chris Smith, Broadway style; Ronnie Bradle, African dance; Gerardo Castillo, Mexican folk dance; Fred Beam, funk; Tara Miles, hip-hop; and Yola Rozynek, modern dance. Rozynek is also the producer and director for the performance.

This year's Winter Dance Concert also includes guest performances from these local dance companies: La Danza Company, Tony Powell Music and Movement, The Floyd Project 2, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dance Company, The Incomparable Jaron, National Deaf Dance Theater, and Wild Zappers.

Tickets for "Dance with Diversity" are \$8 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens with ID. For more information or ticket reservations, call x5407 (TTY), x5310 (Voice), or x5402 (fax), or e-mail justen.burns@gallaudet.edu. 

## Host sites, dates set for regional Academic Bowl competition

Regional competition for the Seventh National Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students will begin next month, beginning the process that leads to the top two teams from each region competing in the finals May 3 to 6 at Gallaudet.


This year, 76 teams and 380 students are expected to compete in the five regions: Southeast, West, Midwest, Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic. The Louisiana School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge will host the Southeast regional competition February 25 to 27; the Colorado School for the Deaf in

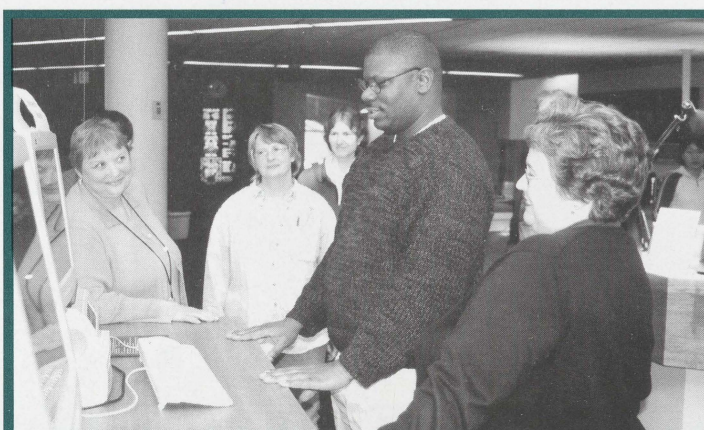
Colorado Springs will host the West competition February 27 to March 2; the Indiana School for the Deaf in Indianapolis will host the Midwest competition March 6 to 9; "47" The American Sign Language and English School in New York City will host the Northeast competition March 13 to 16; and MSSD will host the Mid-Atlantic competition March 20 to 23.

The purpose of the bowl is to foster the pursuit of academic excellence, promote a spirit of academic competition and good sportsmanship, and encourage social opportunities for collegiality

among students. It is also one of the best ways for the brightest deaf students to have the opportunity to visit Gallaudet and see what the campus is like.

The National Academic Bowl, sponsored by Gallaudet and the J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, began with 12 teams and 69 students in 1997 as an annual competition. The nationals have increased over the years from five winning regional teams to bringing the first and second place teams from each region to a round-robin tournament at Gallaudet. Several regions have a waiting list of schools wanting to enter the competition.


The Academic Bowl has even attracted the interest of students at the elementary level. Francisca Rangel, an ASL, deaf culture, multicultural specialist at the Clerc Center, began the Pee Wee Academic Bowl at KDES for students in Team 4/5 as a way to review a year's worth of curriculum. 



The Library held open houses for faculty and staff January 14, 15, and 16 to acquaint them with the wide variety of services that the facility provides to the campus. For example, the Library's membership in the Washington Research Library Consortium gives members of the campus community access to more than four million books from off-campus libraries, which can be ordered from the home or the office and delivered to Gallaudet in a few days. It also provides full text access online to more than 8,000 journals and many dissertations and electronic books. Here, Sarah Hamrick, director of information services, discusses the fine points of the ALADIN database with David Bills, evening supervisory technician. Also pictured are (from left) Jane Rutherford, reference and instruction librarian, Patricia Frost, student assistant, and Sandra Fox, circulation technician.

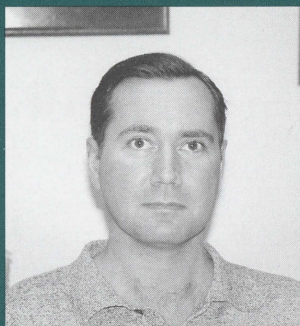
## An open house spring

It's that time of year for students who are contemplating their higher education career to attend open houses at various colleges and universities. Open houses allow prospective students to visit the campus at a time when representatives from various departments work together and can plan an exciting day where they can meet everyone at the same time.

Students who are considering Gallaudet can attend a graduate school open house on February 14, <http://gradschool.gallaudet.edu/gradschool/openhouse/>, and potential undergraduates can check out the campus on February 21, March 7, and April 11, <http://admissions.gallaudet.edu/openhouse/>. 

## ROVING REPORTER

What would you like to say to your sweetheart for Valentine's Day?



**Jeff Murray, senior producer, Department of Television and Media Production (husband of Lynne Murray, assistant executive director, Development Office):**

*Lynne, thank you for the love, laughter, and adventures we have shared over the years. The longer we are together the more I love you. I am proud of you, your accomplishments, and your unwavering passion for life. I am especially proud to be able to call you my wife. Happy Valentine's Day.*



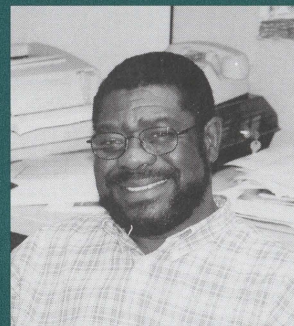
**Debby DeStefano, executive director, Enrollment Services (wife of James DeStefano, director of Athletics Department and men's basketball coach):**

*Dearest Jim, it seems only appropriate that I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day through a Gallaudet publication since all of your hours are spent at Gallaudet these days. So here is my Valentine wish to someone who is very dear to me. Happy Valentine's Day, honey! You are my inspiration!!*



**Nipaporn (Jum) Reilly, teacher aide, Early Childhood Education (wife of Dr. Charles Reilly, research scientist, Gallaudet Research Institute):**

*You have been my life for 22 years. We have had 18 wonderful years of marriage and two lovely sons. You are a great husband and father to our boys and me. My hope and dream are that you will continue to love me more and more each day. Because of your sweet and loving heart I can predict that our love will last forever.*



**Patrick Atuonah, program evaluation specialist, Exemplary Programs and Research (husband of Sanremi LaRue-Atuonah, program specialist, Tutorial and Instructional Programs):**

*Coming from a different culture that doesn't have Valentine's Day, I want you to know that you are my best friend, the one and only one I love and will continue to love forever. Happy Valentine's Day!*

## Get Your 'Daily Jolt' of web information

Students have set up a venue in addition to the Gallaudet website for information about what is happening at Gallaudet, plus the extended deaf community and in the D.C. metro area, in general. It is called the Daily Jolt and can be found at [gallaudet.jolt.com](http://gallaudet.jolt.com).

The Jolt carries information about events on and off campus, resources, and links to relay services. It also links to various news publications—deaf related and unrelated—as well as to a variety of sites that are specifically of interest to students.

Bookmark the site and stay informed about what students are doing and thinking. 